

than it is likely to do alone. If the treaty between Newfoundland and the United States is ratified it would form another bar against confederation with the Dominion.

PUBLIC NOTICE INCREASED CAR SERVICE

DOUGLAS STREET, SPRING RIDGE, OUTER WHARF AND BEACON HILL.

On and after Wednesday, October 5, a twelve minute service will be given on the above streets. Cars leave BURNING ROAD 6 minutes past the hour and every 12 minutes thereafter; SPRING RIDGE on the EVEN HOUR and every TWELVE MINUTES thereafter; OUTER WHARF on the EVEN HOUR and every TWELVE MINUTES thereafter; Beacon Hill 6 minutes past the hour and every TWELVE MINUTES thereafter.

Get time tables from the Company's offices, 35 Yates Street.

R. C. Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.

Pressure Caused Russian Advance

Commander's Hands Believed to
Have Been Forced by
St. Petersburg.

Bennett Burleigh's Astonishing
Assertion as to the Jap
Commanders.

London, Oct. 12.—The English papers this morning are still discussing what they regard as General Kuropatkin's inexplicable change of plan of campaign, and with the increasing conviction that now is shared by most of the European critics, that it is due to pressure, or to the influence of the Japanese.

Mr. Burleigh says it is believed that Field Marshal Oyama and his staff will regret or be recalled to Japan, ostensibly because the army is going into winter quarters, and that General Nodzu will take over the command.

"It is now well known among the better classes of Japanese," Mr. Burleigh adds, "that it was Nodzu who saved the situation at the battle of Liaoyang. Oyama and the headquarters had actually ordered a retreat when Nodzu vigorously protested against such action and begged them to make another desperate effort, he made directly operating with God's right. To Nodzu, therefore, is due the sole credit of averting a disastrous retreat, which he warded off by sending in and almost sacrificing the entire 20th regiment of the 10th division."

According to Mr. Burleigh, the Japanese still have no intention of pushing much further north than Mukden, and they will only under exceptional circumstances attack Tiepuss this season.

Mr. Burleigh concludes: "General Nodzu, commander of the Japanese second division, will become Governor of Manchuria."

CZARINA SENDS TOUCHING MESSAGE

Russian Empress Greets Brave
Defenders of Port
Arthur.

London, Oct. 12.—The Daily Telegraph's Chief correspondent says that the following touching message has been received from the Empress of Russia in response to a congratulatory message from the Garrison of Port Arthur:

"I am deeply impressed by your noble message. With all my heart and soul I am with you this day. You, the brave defenders and sufferers of Port Arthur, will give me strength to continue self-sacrifice in behalf of the Empire, which is dear to you as well as to me."

The correspondent adds that there are indications that the Japanese intend making another assault on Port Arthur before going into winter quarters.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency here says: "In a despatch to the Emperor, General Stoessel confirms the report that desperate sorties from Port Arthur were made on October 5 and 6, and states that the Russians were in greatly inferior force. But they repulsed the Japanese four times, and captured ten Hotchkiss guns."

WHITNEY'S HORSES UNDER HAMMER

String of the Late New York
Millionaire Is Sold at
Auction.

New York, Oct. 11.—The reported stallion Meddler, of the stud of late W. C. Whitney, was sold tonight at Madison Square Garden to Matthew Corbett for \$4,000.

Meddler was originally owned by George Abington Baird, better known as "Squire Abington," the English millionaire, and when the Baird horses were sold after their owner's death, Meddler was bid in for \$72,500 by J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, at whose death he was bid in by Sidney Paget, acting for Mr. Whitney, for \$9,500.

Of the remaining stallions in the Whitney stud, Baldy-hoo Bay went to Harry Payne Whitney for \$2,500; Yankee was bought by W. H. Jenkins for \$21,500, and Kilmarock was bid in by J. H. Hargis.

Among the other sales were the following: Kilder, b. m., 1888, imp. Dave Din-Lou Lanier, sold to Harry Payne Whitney, \$7,500.

Leonora Loring, b. m., 1890, Dr. Mac-Burn-Hudson, sold to E. R. Thomas, New York, for \$9,500.

Louise N., ch. m., 1893, Lakko Black-burn-Louise T., sold to W. K. Vanderbilt, for \$5,000.

Martha L., b. m., 1895, imp. Pandie Plum-headed-Louise, sold to Harry Payne Whitney for \$9,000.

AFFAIRS OF THE DAY AT LADYSMITH

Roysters Fined -- Case of In-
cendiarism -- Move For a
Football Club.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, Oct. 10.—The case of assault brought by a Pinn named Isak Hakkoja against John Graconia, was dismissed. Both men received a warning to be more careful in future. In the case of Isak Tacola and A. Norpak, brought for being drunk and disorderly and disturbing the peace while the Salvation Army of Victoria were engaged in a meeting on First avenue, Magistrate Thompson fined these men \$5 and costs each.

The Ladysmith Senior Basketball team were defeated by the team of the Ladysmith district, which was held in the Ladysmith district. The Ladysmith district team were defeated by the team of the Ladysmith district, which was held in the Ladysmith district.

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\$800,000 Fire In Winnipeg

Prairie City Visited by One of
Worst Conflagrations in
History.

Fanned by High Wind Flames
Get Beyond Fireman's
Control.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—Three of the largest business blocks in the centre of Winnipeg were reduced to ashes tonight. The fire started in the new Bulman block, corner of Albert and Bannatyne streets, and the entire building was in flames before the alarm was turned in. The flames spread across Bannatyne to the Ashdown Hardware Company's retail stores, corner of Main and Bannatyne street. This immense establishment, one of the largest in Canada, was burned down within an hour. The cartridges and other inflammable material exploded and spread the fire in a northerly direction to the Rialto block. This business block was also destroyed together with Miller's cigar store, Hyndman's furnishings, the Dominion Express Company and a number of business offices above. The Great Northern Western Telegraph office is also burning.

The loss is estimated at over \$800,000, of which the Ashdown Company will lose \$500,000. It is impossible to get a list of the insurance companies. The Woodbine hotel, Baker block and Duffin block adjoining the Bulman block were also partly damaged. The chief sufferers in these blocks are the State Shoe Company, the Grumpy Music Company, Calder's shoe supplies, Hyndman's stationery, books and confectionery. The Rialto block was saved after a hard fight by the firemen. The fire had such a start that anything that could be done was of little avail. The electric light and power system was cut off owing to the fire, and all newspaper offices were in darkness at midnight. The Free Press office in the rear of the Bulman block escaped injury.

(By Associated Press.)

Winnipeg had the most disastrous fire in her history tonight, when the Bulman block, J. H. Ashdown's extensive retail hardware stores and several smaller buildings were burned to ashes.

The flames broke out in the second story of the block and within ten minutes had rushed from the second story to the sixth. In half an hour the entire block, one of the finest in the city was down. The flames crossed Bannatyne street, which is a narrow thoroughfare, and ignited the Ashdown retail stores, corner of Main and Bannatyne. The inflammable paints and oils together with small arms ammunition caused numerous small explosions, and spread the fire. The strong wind blowing from the west work of the firemen almost useless, and nothing could be done to check the fire or save the Ashdown establishment, which is now in ruins. The Rialto block on the north side is also damaged, but the damage is not so small. The loss is estimated at between \$600,000 and \$700,000, the Bulman block, which was undamaged, was only partially insured. Ashdown's loss is covered to the extent of \$200,000 in various companies.

A Colonist reporter saw J. Buchanan, chief of the Winnipeg fire department, who was in the city yesterday, just prior to his going abroad. The Vancouver chief last night, and showed him the above despatch. Mr. Buchanan said the fire was undoubtedly a very serious one, having broken out right in the heart of the city. The Bulman block was a five-story store building, and Ashdown carried a magnificent stock, one of the finest in the West.

Chief Buchanan expressed great concern to know if the progress of the fire had been stayed, and regretted that he was absent from the city at this time.

News Of The Army And Navy

Major Maude Rejoins the Cold-
stream Guards—A New
Commission.

Great Enthusiasm Caused by a
Visit to London of "Kitties"

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Sept. 28.—The reported safe arrival of the ship Shenavara, Commander A. T. Hunt, on her station instead of lying a total wreck on the "Sog rocks" of the Alaskan coast, came as a great relief. Of late years the Pacific coast has been a scene of naval disasters. Really, correspondents should be very careful in sending home such alarming news. It may be remembered that when the Bonaventure was going to her station she was also reported to have gone ashore on the South American coast.

Major F. S. Maude, C. M. G., D. S. O., military secretary to the Earl of Minto, rejoins the Coldstream Guards on selection for the appointment of second in command of a battalion.

Today the third-class cruiser Prometheus was commissioned at Portsmouth by Commander Maurice Woodhouse with a crew of 15 officers and 210 men. After her commissioning trials she will proceed to Hongkong for South Africa.

The famous "Kitties" band, from Canada, has caused a lot of enthusiasm in London. The band received a sudden command from the King to play before him at Balmoral yesterday under Conductor W. F. Robinson. It immediately left here by special train on Monday night, covered the 600 miles in good time, was engaged for the last stages of the journey by special cars and yesterday discoursed a programme before the King and his court. The band returned here today to fill its engagement at the Crystal Palace.

Colonel Marchand, of Fashion fame, thinks that France has made a bad bargain with England, as her cession of rights on the Red Sea cuts her colonial possessions in twain. In England some think that France has the better of the bargain. Doubtless the truth is that both countries will benefit by the treaty.

No further news is to hand regarding the fortification of Vancouver by the admiralty.

PITIFUL HELPLESSNESS.

Victims of nervous diseases are most to be pitied because their helplessness terminates in mental or physical helplessness. Paralysis, locomotor ataxia and insanity can only be avoided by building up the nervous system at the first signs of trouble and before it has become so well suited for this purpose as Dr. Chase's book author, are on every book.

STILL TALKING OF RAILROADS

An American Promoter Outlines
Large Ideas for the
Boundary.

Nelson, Oct. 11.—Colonel Jas. McNaught, railway promoter and builder and lawyer of New York, who was here Sunday and Monday has under consideration the construction of a line from Grand Forks up the north fork of the Kettle river for a distance of fifty miles. This proposed line has been under consideration for a considerable time and it is claimed that there are some very extensive copper-gold ledges along the line which the road could have to be constructed. Some of these deposits are claimed to be more extensive than those of the Grassy mines at Phoenix. These properties would furnish a large tonnage.

Colonel McNaught has had an agent in the Boundary looking over the route to be traversed by the proposed line for some time past and the agent was to meet him at Matsen, Washington, and report to him on the question of the route and the probability of its being a paying venture.

While he was in this city a prominent local man discussed the question of the construction of the proposed road with him and they went over the ground to a considerable extent. The local man said that there were a good many miles along the route it was proposed to take. "There are no mines, but a large number of good prospects," quickly replied the colonel. At the same time he stated that if it could be demonstrated to him and his associates that a road could be made to pay a profit within a reasonable time, there would be no doubt about its being constructed.

EXPLOSION IN MAGAZINE.

New York, Oct. 11.—The powder magazine at the fort on Cochin island, near Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadalupe, blew up yesterday, and according to a despatch to Herald from the latter place, one man was killed. It was supposed, for a time, that a chamber containing three thousand 15-pound shells did not explode.

COAST FIRE CHIEFS' ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Twelfth Yearly Meeting Now
in Session at Terminal
City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 11.—The twelfth annual convention of fire chiefs of the Pacific coast is in session here. The heads of the fire departments of every town of the northwest are present. Chief James Stewart of Calgary, is the chair. Mayor McCreach delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by the chairman, who reviewed the year's losses on the coast and referred to the lack of interest of corporations in insuring against loss by fire. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with the appointment of committees. Numerous important papers are to be read, among them one by Chief Ralph Cook, of Seattle, who proposes to found a fund for disabled firemen.

Acting upon the theory that the Gates boys robbed the C. P. R., these desperadoes have been searched for high and low at the instigation of C. P. R. detectives. The Gates brothers cannot be found in any of the police and jails, which leads to the belief that they held up the Canadian train, continental express. Barron, one of the company's best known detectives, is now in the States making thorough inquiries into the case. The Gates boys are well known in the States, and two young men being led by a veteran crook named Arnett. The trio held up the Oregon express in March and killed Messenger O'Neill. San Francisco police believe that the gang have a stronghold in the woods in Washington state, and that they came from their hiding place to hold up the C. P. R. train.

There is also the possibility that Jerry Sullivan, recently sentenced to three years for robbing A. Scamell, and who was the described partner of Arnett, is indeed identical with that famous criminal and partner who was sent for to identify him. If the Gates boys should be the C. P. R. hold-up men, the reward for both criminals would amount to a small fortune.

In the Police court, Gates, alias a number of other names, pleaded guilty this morning to forging the names of the Palace clothing store proprietor and the Light House hotel proprietor to checks which he attempted to get cashed. Early this morning Waddell and Jackson located the forger and gave chase. Officer Waddell said he ran away from them as if they had been standing still. At the time he was arrested at this, but his afterwards learned that before Gates went to the police he was a professional sprinter. The officers, however, tired their man out, firing shot after shot in his direction until he was forced to stop. Gates was in view, the officers said he was fully armed with the description of the hold-up man who has been operating in Westminister. When Gates is sentenced it will be another case of swift justice.

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MRS. SYMONS, 42 St. Clair street, Belleville, Ont., states: "Some weeks ago I began a course of treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and have found it very satisfactory. I was formerly troubled with nervous exhaustion and a weak, fluttering heart. Whenever my heart bothered me I would have spells of weakness and dizziness, which were very distressing. By means of this Nerve Food my nerves have become strong and healthy, and the action of my heart seems to be regular. I can recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food as an excellent medicine."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, at all dealers. Edmonson, Baker & Co., Toronto. The portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

Presentment Of The Grand Jury

Recommendation re The Old
Men's Home—Other Institu-
tions Referred to.

Case for Defence Opened in Rex
vs. Clarke—The Court
to Adjourn.

In the Assize court yesterday Mr. Justice Martin decided that, on the conclusion of the case now under trial, Rex vs. Clarke, the court shall be adjourned until the 24th inst., in expectation of the hearing in the Police court of the charge of conspiracy against certain Crown witnesses in the case of Rex vs. Wong On and Wong Gow being concluded by that time. The grand jury made its presentation at 2 o'clock, referring to the public institutions of the city. The text of the presentation will be found below.

Considerable progress was made in the hearing of the charge against Clarke for shooting with intent. There are two more witnesses for the defence to be examined and the case probably will go to jury prior to the rising of the court this evening.

Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, was the first witness called yesterday. The witness testified that he went out to the Colwood hotel on the night of August 7 in response to a telephone message stating that the accused had shot a man there, and arrested Clarke at 10 p. m. Clarke handed him a gun and stated that it was the weapon he had used. The gun was produced.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bradburn, Sergeant Murray said that he understood that the telephone message had come from Clarke. The lower panes of two of the windows were broken and he also noticed that one of the upper panes had been broken through.

C. W. Minor testified that he was in the vicinity of the Colwood hotel between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of August 7. He was accompanied by Chas. Stewart. They were driving in a buggy and were stopped by some soldiers. One soldier was lying on the ground and the others said that he had been shot. The wounded man was lifted into the buggy. He was bleeding a good deal from wounds on the hands, head and other places, and was in a dazed condition. When witnesses stopped to pick the man up, the accused, who was standing on the verandah of the hotel with a gun in his hands, called to them to come back. The wounded man was lying at a distance of between 50 and 75 yards from the hotel door. Witness had had considerable experience in handling guns. The gun produced had one cylinder and one choke bore. At 30 yards distance the shot from the cylinder would spread over a circle about 30 inches in diameter, and from the choke bore the shot would spread over the same diameter at 40 yards. Judging from the marks on the injured man, he was shot at a distance of from 20 to 30 yards, according to which barrel had been used. When the wounded man was placed in the buggy one of the soldiers stood on the axle and the other two walked beside him. The man on the axle seemed to be sober. Witness returned to the hotel and saw the accused, who said he wanted to send a message to the police.

Cross-examined, the witness said that he did not apprehend any danger when he returned to the hotel. He saw some broken windows and a dent in the wall door. He would not say that if a gun loaded with No. 4 shot was fired at a man at a distance of 30 yards the man would be killed. He did not think the charge would make a big hole in the man, but it might hurt him badly.

Chas. Stewart, who was with the last witness on the occasion in question, corroborated the latter's evidence.

Bomb. Harrison, R. G. A., testified that he was at the Colwood hotel at 2 o'clock on the night of August 7. He saw the accused and two soldiers were there, and Flannagan and Scamell arrived shortly after. A disturbance began about 3 o'clock. Flannagan was talking about something that had occurred in the States. The accused and the two young men were talking about the Gates boys. Flannagan threw his hat at the bartender and a row ensued, in which Flannagan, the bartender, Scamell and Clarke participated. Mrs. Clarke entered with a hatbox and attacked Flannagan with a stick. Witness stopped the fight and induced Flannagan and Scamell to leave the place. Some time after this Clarke presented a revolver at Gr. Kelly and said he would shoot the first soldier he saw. Kelly said, "Put that down and don't be a fool." Clarke held the revolver in his pocket. There were then a number of scratches on the barroom door, made during the row.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bradburn, the witness said that he knew of no reason for the disturbance.

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Nature is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, inasmuch as it is registered on the 10th day of January, 1891, and numbered 11031A.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.,
2nd day of September, 1904.

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- Hotel Seattle, do.
- Hotel Northern, do.
- Sutton & Co., Yesler Way and Occidental Ave.
- W. Ellis, News Stand.
- J. R. Justice, 210 Columbia.

ELECTION RESULTS CONSIDERED.

A number of people who take but little interest in politics are suffering from the delusion that the Liberal Government is sojourning in power, and that the Conservative party is merely making a demonstration in the present campaign. This singular hallucination is naturally enough fostered and encouraged by Liberal politicians. As a matter of fact, precisely the reverse is the case. The Government is fighting to retain power with a halter round its neck, and none know it better than the politicians who are making use of the argument that the Government cannot be dislodged, to influence wavering voters.

In 1900 the country, outside the Province of Quebec, split even and voters gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party of 51. In Ontario the Conservatives had a majority of 13 only, not reckoning delayed elections or independent members. Will the Conservatives lead their lead in Ontario? Nobody, Liberal or Conservative, doubts that they will not only hold it, but largely increase it. In fact sanguine Conservatives predict a landslide in Ontario, while Liberals who are well informed fear it. The situation as between Ontario and Quebec is this, that while in Ontario the Conservative party has lots of room to improve its showing, in Quebec the Liberal party cannot expect to do more than hold its own, and has little or no hope of doing that. What carries the Liberals in 1900? Possibly it was racial feeling to a considerable extent, but not altogether. It was largely the influence of the individualism of the Liberal party. It is not surprising that Mr. Tarte, as an individual, no longer counts, the sentiment he represented in Quebec is still an important factor, and that sentiment is now thoroughly aroused to the fact that the Laurier Government has been inspired from other sources. Every bye-election in the Province of Quebec has shown a weakening of the Liberal party's grip, and Mr. Prefontaine, a Liberal, has been elected in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Tarte, had to avow practically the same opinions as those for holding which Mr. Tarte had been invited to retire, in order to secure election. At a general election such an attitude on the part of a number of candidates will be sufficient to defeat. Between inroads into Quebec and gains in Ontario, the Government's majority is almost certain to be annihilated, and a margin left on the other side. When then, is Sir Wilfrid Laurier to turn for support to the "Provinces"? Again, if it is admitted that Mr. Blair has been eliminated as a political factor, the feeling which he represented among the people of the Maritime Provinces is not eliminated. He has received an office which takes him out of politics, but his followers have not all received offices. There is no hope for the Government in a working majority from the Maritime Provinces, is Sir Wilfrid Laurier to turn to Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, to place his reliance on Clifford Sifton and the Siftonian election methods? Even upon the figures of the last election there is no hope for him there. The Government is suffering from the unanimity of the Quebec vote at the last election. The permanency of such a condition is impossible under the party system of government. It can only be brought about by the attempted reconciliation of differences of opinion really irreconcilable, and there are no means of maintaining it at all. Both in policy and administration a party only can receive that to which all think themselves equally entitled, and the result is an inevitable split on party lines. If Quebec were to continue to defy the inherent law of party government, that law would reassert itself in a timely manner in the rest of the country. Not in Quebec, but in a number of ignorant people seem to think, on grounds of an immoral and dangerous race prejudice, but because a government supported wholly by one Province is forced to regard that Province in the same way that a government supported by a party regards its party, and the inevitable result would be the formation of another party on sectional lines. There is no likelihood of this, however, and the segregating effect of unanimity is already visible in Quebec, and, coupled with the tide in favor of Conservatism throughout the rest of the country, makes a sweeping Conservative victory a practical certainty.

THE LOCAL PHASE OF THE G. T. P. CONTRACT.

As an instance of the way numbers exercise an influence, the experience of British Columbia in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific may be referred to. The promoters, who could not resist the pressure from Eastern Liberals, would not permit the Government to insert any conditions as to time and place of construction, but the time was extended for completion to this coast for three years. The political influence of our representatives was not strong enough to insist on construction beginning at the Pacific coast simultaneously with construction at Winnipeg. Nor had they backbone enough to oppose the Government in its refusal to insert a clause to that effect. Senator Templeman placed a notice on this motion, and to the great indignation of the Province, that the Grand Trunk Pacific legislation for such construction, and, although a member of the Government, was obliged to withdraw it. As a consequence, the incidental benefits of construction within the Province will be lost to the people of the Province. The object of the Grand Trunk promoters in opposing the proposed clause was, of course, to enable them to come to the Legislature of British Columbia and demand a subsidy for beginning construction at this end at the same time as at Winnipeg. It is true that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, when on the coast, announced that construction would begin at the end of the line; but it is evident he had no authority for making the statement, as Mr. Hays, who followed a few days after the Minister's visit, absolutely refused to confirm it. There is the worst of this, however, to be referred to. The Grand Trunk Pacific has not the slightest intention to do anything of the kind.

unless a subsidy is obtained from the Province for the purpose. Regarding such discrimination as to the treatment between the East and West, readers can form their own conclusions. It is part and parcel of the situation in relation with the Dominion Government, which is one of the most vital issues in this campaign.

THE ONLY SURE REMEDY.

Apart altogether from the element existing in every party which desires to see the government to which it is opposed ousted in order to make room for friends, there is in Canada, and especially in British Columbia, a large and growing element honestly and conscientiously opposed to the present government owing to methods which have been pursued since coming to power in 1896, and to a violation of pledges upon which the Liberal Government was elected. There can be no question about it in the mind of any person versed in Canadian affairs that the general tone of politics has lowered, that corruption and political immorality, though perhaps greater in individual cases, has been systematized and enlarged to a degree that never existed before in Canada—has in other words, come nearer the Tammany standard of the United States—and that the administration of the Dominion has increased in an immeasurable degree.

This might not have been a matter for so much comment had the Liberals not gone into power expecting on the one hand to undo the wrongs of the government which they themselves condemned would be remedied. This is one of the principal issues of the campaign—a higher standard of political morality. Our leader, Mr. Borden, stands for that. He is only stands for it as a theory, but has demonstrated it in his own personality, his political record and his purpose in life. We claim on this issue alone that the Liberal government has forfeited its right to the confidence of the people and should be turned out.

MR. BORDEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

We give elsewhere the announcement made by Mr. Borden as to the railway policy of the Liberal-Conservative party in regard to the building of a new transcontinental railway and the attitude taken by the Government in the Province for Better Terms. It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the importance of the explicit statement of what is proposed. All doubt as to the definiteness of the Liberal-Conservative policy is entirely eliminated. Mr. Borden not only announces the plan decided upon in a general way so as to indicate the principles upon which his policy is based, but he enters into details of the scheme, showing that he has thought it all out fully in its business aspect. It not only eliminates doubt as to the Liberal-Conservative policy on the railway question, but it eliminates the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway as a scheme worthy of support by the Government, and by the people of Canada.

The Liberal-Conservatives when in power will not build the useless political end, which was foisted on the people by a combination of Eastern Liberals, anxious to reap the temporary advantages of construction locally. They will utilize the Intercolonial Railway as far as it goes, and thus make it a profitable asset to the country as part of a through line under Government control. And the Liberal-Conservatives when in power the Canada Atlantic would never have passed into the hands of the Grand Trunk, which with the proposed paralleling of the Grand Trunk Pacific would completely burden up the Intercolonial without end, and without hopes of ever being made to pay.

The western, middle and eastern sections will begin simultaneously and continue through to completion. This will give the Province of British Columbia the benefits incidental to construction within its own limits. The road will be built at a minimum of cost, there will be no construction companies to make a profit, and the country will have the advantage of the saving of the cost of building the duplicate of the Intercolonial, and the reduction in rates which a decreased cost of construction will render possible.

And above all, the country will own the road when built, and will not be saddled with a huge liability not represented in an available asset. Compare that method with the cumbersome, hybrid, involved and enormously expensive line to which the country is committed if the Liberals are returned to power.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A PLEA FOR THE LONELY SEAL.

Sir—If it does not take up too much space in your valuable paper, may I ask why it is there only the one seal in the north? By my knowledge, there are two or three placed there, but none have lived. Speaking from observation, it is heartrending to hear the pitiful cries of this lonely creature.

How would we like to be put away from our kind? Would it not be better to place two or three seals together for company, and give pleasure to visitors, instead of the heart-pain it gives one now at its evident loneliness? What do you think of it, Mr. Editor?

PITY.

Victoria, October 12, 1904.

HAS NOT RETIRED.

Sir—Will you kindly allow me the use of your columns to refute the statement, that in by your Nanaimo correspondent, that C. W. Waters, the Socialist candidate for Victoria, had retired. Nothing of the sort; our party are not built on any such lines, but, like the Japanese fighters, they are always in the front. The main difficulty we have to face is that of funds to meet the infamous \$200 deposit, which today stands as a blot on the reputation of Canada. The work of the party is to be done by the party, and the bulk of the Socialist party are all poor men, and to my knowledge have one and all made great promises to the party, for their common cause. To Socialism is a life work, and a promise of a better and fuller life for them and others, as well as for all. Many even think of the deposit as a life work, and this deposit law—yet it ends there. However,

we are gathering up the quarters and half-dollars from the working class as best we can, and you may hear more from us on election day. A little help from the public is worth a deal of gold.

W. N. MARCON.

ADVENTURES OF D. G. S. QUADRA.

Sir—In connection with the letter of Mr. Charles Barnes appearing in last night's Times, it may be pointed out that Mr. Barnes is quite correct as regards the statement that the ship was not Duncan Bay. The ship was entering when the conversation regarding the help passed between himself and the captain. It was Oyster Bay, the ship was not Duncan Bay. At the time, Duncan Bay being a lost number as far as the captain was concerned. Mr. Barnes is also correct as regards the speed and the non-use of the lead, as we hear, from the water front, the vessel was going full speed when she took the rocks. Mr. Barnes' dismissal by Captain Hackett, stated for that, is not correct. It would be a monstrous outrage that a man who has faithfully served the government for more than 17 years, and who has been a member of the government and done his duty, should be played fast and loose with by a man who has only been a few months in the position he now occupies. In such a case, the government brought himself and his ship so painfully before the seafaring community of this coast.

A. N. OX.

Victoria, B. C., October 11, 1904.

THE BRITISH COLONIST 1859.

October 12.

The salmon fishery at Sooke has not proved as successful as was anticipated. A few have been taken, but several companies on Fraser river have given up fishing for this season, owing to the red salmon not striking in.

Freeman & Co. shipped by the Brother Jonathan and Panama, \$9,100; Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped by the Brother Jonathan \$9,500.

In our last issue a card was published by Mr. D. H. Rhue, reflecting on Mr. Carey. Whatever the merits of the affair may be, had we known that he was absent we certainly would not have let our advertising columns to strike a blow at an absent man. It is a matter of course and knew of his absence he certainly did what we would call a cowardly trick. In seeking therefore an amende honorable, we sincerely hope he was ignorant of Mr. Carey's absence.

The steamer Great Eastern is expected to arrive at other New York or Portland time this month. She will bring thousands of passengers, but has accommodation for ten thousand. Lord Stanley stated that she could carry an army of ten thousand men, in case of another war. If the experiment succeed, it may have the effect to produce a new era in the carrying trade. The ship, it is supposed, will go through the water with unheard-of speed.

NEWS-ADVERTISER.

In the address to the electors of British Columbia by Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, the president of the Liberal-Conservative Union for the Province, he said that today, the case of British Columbia is clearly and accurately set out. The issues therein presented are not of a party character. Liberal or Conservative, interested in them as Conservatives can be. No Liberal can truthfully assert that the grounds of complaint set forth are not fully justified, or that the claims for consideration being presented are not reasonable and proper and that they would be granted if the government and parliament dealt equitably with the province. But "words," empty words, were all that our representatives saw fit to give, and when the party whip was cracked they got quickly into the line and meekly yielded to the refusal of the government to give consideration to their claims. How much better off would we be if we returned such men as Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, and without failure to implement those promises when once again they found themselves in their seats.

As a matter of fact almost every one of the Liberal representatives from British Columbia in the late parliament admitted that the claims were reasonable and proper and that they would be granted if the government and parliament dealt equitably with the province. But "words," empty words, were all that our representatives saw fit to give, and when the party whip was cracked they got quickly into the line and meekly yielded to the refusal of the government to give consideration to their claims. How much better off would we be if we returned such men as Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, and without failure to implement those promises when once again they found themselves in their seats.

Compare the treatment accorded to British Columbia with that to the people of other provinces. Take the question of some protection to our lumbering industry against the unfair competition as well as the unfair competition of the American mill owners. No one who knows anything about the subject disputes that it is unfair that while Canadian lumber and shingles are admitted into Canada free of duty, even the government does not deny the right of the American lumber industry to charge a duty on Canadian lumber, and on more than one occasion has appeared willing to remedy the injustice. But nothing has come of it, and Mr. Sifton and his party, in the representation of Manitoba and the Northwest for political reasons refuse to allow justice to be done to one of British Columbia's most important industries.

Not less gratifying to the people of this Province is the announcement that Mr. Borden as Premier will give his immediate attention to the grievances of which the Province complains. He will enquire fully into the nature of the representation made as to our claims for consideration, and if well-founded will remedy our grievances without delay. This was all that was asked of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and he was denied to us. Mr. Borden has had the case of the Province carefully under consideration, and he is satisfied that there is at least prima facie evidence to warrant a thorough investigation. This is all that is required. We know that the case is a sound one and will, upon a careful hearing, result in a verdict for our rights.

Montreal Gazette's Sir Richard Cartwright, we are told, "never hesitated to tell the most unpalatable truths." The latest example of his power in that direction was his exposition of party loyalty as compared in the regarding of J. B. Jackson for suborning to perjury. Undoubtedly the Minister expressed the point of view of the baser sort of politicians; but great was the consternation on his own side of the House at his unpalatable frankness.

NOTHING FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Revelation Herald. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was presented with the Golden Fleece Trade Medal, and yet his government has collected more revenue from the present tariff than any preceding administration, and yet the treatment of duties on imports are almost within a shade of what they were under what was known as a conservative protection regime. The official pronouncement made that the steel works at Sault Ste. Marie are to receive \$7 per ton protection and \$9 per ton bounty on all steel rails produced, will certainly stagger free

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MR. BORDEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

The most important announcement that has been forthcoming during the present election campaign, and so far as the interests of the Province of British Columbia are concerned, the most important for years, has been made by Mr. Borden, the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in Canada. It is in the nature of a despatch received from the leader to Colonel Prior, through Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper. In view of the statements assiduously circulated locally among the electors, Colonel Prior telegraphed to Sir Charles to obtain an explicit statement in regard to two matters—the construction of a transcontinental railway and Better Terms for British Columbia—and upon both points the reply is definite and satisfactory. In a letter from Sir Charles to Colonel Prior, he says that "it should be an effective answer to all who had any doubts as to his policy with respect to the immediate construction of the transcontinental railway, and fair treatment of this Province with respect to our financial relations with the Dominion. It is quite clear that the eastern, middle and western sections will, and should, be simultaneously dealt with." The despatch is as follows:

"Toronto, Ont., Oct. 10, 1904.

"Hon. Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, K. C.

"President Conservative Association, Vancouver, B. C.

"In reply to your enquiry, permit me to outline the salient features of our transportation policy. We will immediately undertake the construction of a transcontinental railway to the Pacific as a government work. To this end we shall utilize all the powers of government and the financial strength of the Dominion. For obvious reasons the most expedient will be employed; in the first place, to satisfy without delay the need of our Great West, in the second place to curtail cost in the important matter of interest upon outlay during construction. To ensure early completion, every section of the railway will be undertaken as rapidly as, with all the resources of government, surveys can be made and contracts entered into. Wherever it may be to the public interest we shall not hesitate to exercise for the acquisition of existing railways the same powers of compulsory purchase which are possessed and exercised by railway corporations for acquiring the property of individuals. We shall supplement our railway policy by such improvement of our canals and waterways, and of our harbors as will bring all up to the highest standard of the day and to the full needs of the country.

"We fully realize that the people, confident of the future of this Dominion, do not fear any reasonable expenditure of money, wisely made, which may tend to the development of our country and to the greater prosperity of its inhabitants. We also propose to put an end to the scandalous waste and extravagance which are incident to the present administration of Government Railways, believing, as we do, that their honest management under Commission would make these railways at least self-sustaining, and would also insure a more equitable distribution of the cost of maintenance and every respect than now exist. Let me also say that I have given much thought to the conditions in British Columbia, which, in your opinion, call for special attention in considering the financial relations between the Dominion and that Province. You claim not only that these conditions are exceptional and that they are permanent in their nature. In my opinion they are such as to demand immediate enquiry and investigation, to the end that any injustice clearly established may be immediately relieved.

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NOT A FICTION.

Ottawa Citizen.

Sir Howard Vincent, the veteran champion of British preferential trade, is not to be deceived by the fact that the Canadian Liberals are opposed to this policy.—Toronto Star.

He could not have come to the conclusion that it was an unduly restrictive policy. There is no doubt that the Canadian free-traders-by-choice and protectionists-by-force-of-circumstances have been doing their little best with boughs of olive and olive branches, and lead pencils to thwart the initial move in Chamberlain's objective.

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Yukon Output.—Though complete returns are not available, the figures obtainable at the end of September show an output in the Yukon country of \$8,500,000. The output for the season will reach \$10,000,000 when the banks make their last shipments in October.

Attractive Display.—One of the large window displays of the B. C. Furniture Co., on Government street, has an attractive display by the Seranton Correspondence school. The exhibit is composed largely of actual work done by pupils and has been arranged by W. T. Martindale, the local representative of the institution.

Travel Heavy.—Officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company report that travel is particularly heavy between San Francisco and Victoria and British Columbia ports. During the past few weeks all the steamers have been crowded. The Umatilla on her down trip this time had nearly 300 passengers.

Library Literature.—Geo. Jay, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, in connection with the early equipment of the Carnegie library, advocates the establishment of a separate department for the schools, containing literature which will have a distinct educational influence. He will seek the co-operation of the City Council in respect to the matter.

White Pass Passengers.—The passenger rate from Dawson to White Horse advanced on Saturday last to \$75 first class and \$50 second class, from \$50 and \$40 respectively. The reason given by the White Pass Company is that steamers are carrying only half their normal cargo at this period of the year, and that expenses are heavier. The river is very shallow with ice running in the Yukon.

New Good Prize.—The results have been secured of the Royal Crown soap guessing contest during the course of the provincial exhibition at New Westminster. The correct weight of the huge bar was 1,053 pounds 8 ounces. The closest guess was made by Mrs. Peiser, of Victoria, whose ticket, No. 246, put the weight of the soap at 1,053 pounds. Mrs. Peiser, therefore, wins the silver tea service.

Appeals to Privy Council.—Two appeals are to be taken to the Privy Council by the provincial government, the question as to whether the province has the right to pass legislation forbidding the employment of Chinese underground and whether the province has the right to dispose of Deadman's island, in the harbor of Vancouver. It is reported that Attorney-General Wilson will go to London himself and take charge of the appeals.

Tourist Executive.—A meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was to have been held yesterday afternoon, but owing to the great importance of one of the chief items of business to be discussed—Mrs. Cuthbert's suggestion respecting the erection of a Palace of Amusements—it was deemed advisable to postpone the meeting until every member was present. The meeting will accordingly be held this afternoon.

Apples for Australia.—Amongst the outward cargo of the R. M. S. Aorangi will be a carload of winter apples shipped by Messrs. Stirling & Pitcairn, the well known growers and exporters of Kelowna, Okanagan lake. The shipment, which comprises several varieties of apples, is made through Mr. J. E. Chipman of Vancouver, and according to Mr. Thomas Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, is the best that has ever been both in regards packing and quality of the fruit.

New Judges' Stand.—Mr. W. J. Hanna, together with a few other enterprising citizens of Victoria, have added to replace the old and shabby judges' stand on the race track with a new and up-to-date one. Mr. Robert Leighton, who acted as presiding judge at the races, kindly consented to furnish after plans, and next year the public will see a neat and more sightly stand than the present one. Colonel E. G. Prior offered to donate the hardware, and Mr. L. W. Paisley, of Chilliwack, a goat, and it is understood that Mr. Sayward will furnish the lumber.

A Busy Scene.—The contractors of the job to put in the foundations for the big C. P. R. tourist hotel on James bay flats are certainly now working day and night, taking advantage of every hour of fine weather before the advent of the rainy season. Every mechanical aid known in the science of modern building is being employed, and heavy machinery appliances are now in position on the flats. Much of the work being done is being executed in an entirely different manner to anything of the kind ever before seen in British Columbia, and crowds of spectators daily watch the proceedings.

Patriotic Japs.—The Cumberland Enterprise in its issue of Saturday last has the following amusing item: "The Japanese are certainly now in a position of advantage on a well known farm in the valley, at which a number of Japs are employed, the other day which aptly illustrates this. A neighbor, who is endowed with a new bunch of whistles in a Kanroki, was invited to a party, when some one informed the Japs that the aforesaid bewhiskered gentleman was a Russian. The 'little brown men' immediately declared a strike, which was only settled by the gentleman who was not at the party, but a bona fide 'Woodman of the World'."

Depression at Dawson.—Capt. P. W. Robbins, owner and master of the steamship Monarch, one of the best known vessels plying between Seattle and Tacoma, and machinery is being moved rapidly away from the Dawson docks. Half of the buildings in Dawson are for sale, with no takers. This is not, the captain states, owing to Dawson having played out as a camp, but simply that people want to get away from Canadian jurisdiction and into American territory. He does not think it is a very favorable chance of winning by the move.

Interesting Lecture.—A good audience assembled at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday evening to hear the second of the series of popular lectures which have been arranged for the winter months. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., was the speaker last evening, and he took for his subject "The History of the Conservative Party in Canada." The lecture proved of absorbing interest. Mr. McPhillips having gone to great pains to collect a mass of pertinent data. The address will be printed in extension in next Sunday morning's Colonist. Hon. Senator Macdonald, in the chair, and in introducing the speaker and in his closing remarks told much of interest respecting the history of the Conservative party in this province.

Will Drive Patrol.—P. K. Bradley, driver of hose reel No. 1, headquarters of the fire department, yesterday received the appointment to the vacant position on the police force. It is understood that he will be the driver of the patrol car of that department. Bradley has been a long time in the fire department, and his closing remarks told much of interest respecting the history of the Conservative party in this province.

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A Typographical Error.—By a printer's error in the report of the proceedings in the Assize court yesterday, (R. Bowers, R. G. A., was made to say that he was drunk on August 7, when his statement was to the contrary.

Bible Study Club.—The Bible Study Club of the Y. M. C. A. will meet for the first time this season at 6:15 this evening. Tea will be served until 7 o'clock and then one hour's study will follow. This has been a very successful feature of the work in other associations, and it is expected that those interested in the religious work of the association will attend this evening and discuss plans for the future.

Took No Chances.—The Vancouver Province is authority for the statement that Messrs. Jackson and McDonald, who had the bookmaking privileges at Hastings during the horse races on Friday and Saturday last, obtained an armed escort with which to safely transport to Vancouver the money taken in as a result of the pool selling, which amounted to several thousand dollars. They took no chance of being held up, as were the Quinn brothers on a similar occasion in July last.

B. C.'s Awakening.—People of British Columbia are just awakening to their opportunities for fruit growing, lumbering and manufacturing, according to the views of Mr. G. E. Whitney of the Dominion Express Company, who has returned from a trip to Vancouver and north to the vicinity of Port Simpson, says the Montreal Gazette. "Fruit growing, I think, will become one of the chief agricultural pursuits of the people in British Columbia. There are fine valleys and stretches of land where fruit grows, and the climate is ideal. Of course, many places orchards are at present to be found, but now that Manitoba and the Territories are offering such a good market it will not be long, in my opinion, before the Pacific coast will make efforts to supply the entire demand."

Rural-decennial Conference.—The biennial meeting of the Victoria rural-decennial conference will be held at St. Barnabas' Sunday school this evening. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m.; meeting to commence at 7:30 p. m.; the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet will preside, and will deliver an address to the conference. As this meeting will deal with matters to be brought before the synod next week, it is important that both clergy and lay delegates should attend. Each parish in the diocese is allowed to send five delegates; church members are also invited to send delegates to the synod, and two other members of the congregation. The meeting will be open to any person, male or female, who is interested in the work of the church.

IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR.

U. S. Commissioner Sargent Pays Victoria a Brief Visit.

Yesterday Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration at Washington, whose arrival on the United States revenue cutter Grant on Monday evening was reported in the Colonist, yesterday, visited the city for a brief inspection of the immigration office of the United States in this city. He also called and paid his respects to Hon. Abram E. Smith, United States consul here.

Accompanied by his private secretary, P. A. Donahue, Mr. Sargent left Washington September 15th, and since that date has visited St. Louis, several cities in Texas and along the Mexican border, in California and Oregon.

When in Seattle Commissioner Sargent was asked regarding an increase in the immigration force in the state. In reply he said that Inspector Estell would make such recommendations. He also added that there had been some talk of establishing a new station at the Puget Sound similar to the one on Ellis Island, near New York. According to Commissioner Sargent, the report was not sent out from official sources.

An immigration station may be established on the Sound in a few years," he said. "The immigration business in this time would not warrant the building of a large station."

Concerning his trip along the Mexican border, Commissioner Sargent says that he finds a great many Chinese who are destined for the United States are going to Mexico.

In the last few months the Sound immigration officers have found it a difficult task to watch for Japanese smugglers along the line from Seattle.

Recently the Canadian immigration authorities issued a new rule, governing the inspection of aliens, which greatly assists the United States officers in their work of keeping out the undesirable Orientals.

Commissioner Sargent will talk with both Inspectors Estell and Fisher and learn of the needs of the State in the way of an increase in inspectors, if any, at this time. The matter of having the government provide the Seattle bureau with a steam launch for harbor patrol will probably come up. One is needed, and it is understood that Commissioner Sargent will make enquiries along that line.

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